25. (New) A method comprising:

receiving a video frame;

analyzing a first portion of the video frame with a first adjacent portion of the video frame to obtain a first result;

analyzing a second portion of the video frame with a second adjacent portion of the video frame to obtain a second result; and

replacing the first portion of the video frame with one of the second portion, the first adjacent portion or the second adjacent portion if a comparison between the first result and the second result is indicative of noise.

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26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein each of the first and second portions and the first and second adjacent portions comprises a plurality of units, and wherein the analyzing is performed on a unit by unit basis.

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27. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising calculating a first threshold based upon an amount of the plurality of units per the respective portion.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the first and second results comprise a sum of absolute differences between the first portion and the first adjacent portion and the second portion and the second adjacent portion, respectively.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the comparison is indicative of noise if a difference between the first result and the second result exceeds the first threshold.

30. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the first portion comprises an edge portion of the video frame.